

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 27 of this paper.